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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 March 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15, 17-50, 52-55 and 60-66 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-15, 17 and 41-47 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 18-40, 48-50, 53-55 and 60-66 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 April 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see the amendment, filed 3/37/06, with respect to claims 53 and 54 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 U.S.C. 102(e) rejections of claims 53-54 have been withdrawn.
2. Applicant's arguments filed 3/27/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive, in regard to claim 52. The applicant submits the prior art does not disclose the following limitations of the claimed invention:

transferring the integrated first and second charge from the respective first and second sensors while a first opaque sector of the rotatable structure prevents the first and second image light from impinging on at least one of the first and second sensors. The Examiner respectfully disagrees.

Examiner's Reply:

3. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., while a first opaque sector of the rotatable structure prevents the first and second image light from impinging) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Election/Restrictions

4. Claim 1 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 3/27/06.

5. Claims 23 and 60 are allowable. The restriction requirement of species I and II, as set forth in the Office action mailed on 9/7/05, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.** Claims 2-15, 17, and 41-47, directed to a non-elected species remain withdrawn from further consideration because they do not all require all the limitations of an allowable generic linking claim as required by 37 CFR 1.141.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim(s) presented in a continuation or divisional application include all the limitations of a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claims may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 52 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Glenn, US 4,667,226.

In regard to claim 52, Glenn, US 4,667,226, discloses a method comprising steps of:

integrating a first charge in a first sensor of a camera (see figure 1, element 140) while a first image light reflects from a first reflection sector of a rotatable structure onto the first sensor (see column 4, lines 51-57: when the shutter is positioned in the path of the light to reflect the light, an image is captured with the first camera (140));

transferring the integrated first charge from the first sensor while the rotatable structure prevents the first image light from impinging on the first sensor (see column 5, lines 41-60: It is inherent in the Glenn reference that the charge is transferred in the first camera, when no light is reflected to it and instead sent to the second camera, in order to be further process the image data and be ready to capture the next image when the shutter turns);

integrating a second charge in a second sensor of the camera (see figure 1, element 130) while a second image light passes through a first transmission sector of the rotatable structure onto the second sensor (see column 4, lines 51-57: when the shutter is positioned out of the path of the light, an image is captured with the second camera (130); and

transferring the integrated second charge from the second sensor while the rotatable structure prevents the second image light from impinging on the second sensor (see column 5, lines 41-60: It is inherent in the Glenn reference that the charge is transferred in the second camera, when the light is reflected by the shutter and sent to the first camera in order to be further process the image data and be ready to capture the next image when the shutter turns).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 18-40, 48-50, 53-55, and 60-66 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regard to claims 18-40, 48-50, 53-55, and 60-66, the prior art does not disclose a camera with the combination of limitations specified in the claimed invention, specifically the limitations of:

a rotatable structure disposed to define a rotation plane that is oblique to both the reflected axis and the direct axis, wherein the rotatable structure includes a first reflection sector, a first opaque sector disposed adjacent to the first reflection sector, and a first transmission sector disposed adjacent to the first opaque sector, as claimed in claims 18, 23, 48, 53-55, and 60.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gevell Selby whose telephone number is 571-272-7369. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 PM (every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on 571-272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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